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## Scholarships Expand for Alumni and New Graduate Business Students

DePaul is making graduate education more accessible for university alumni and new Kellstadt students by increasing its scholarship offerings.

DePaul alumni who wish to earn another degree from their alma mater through the Double Demon Scholarship program begun last year can now apply the scholarships to graduate study at Kellstadt or six other DePaul colleges and schools. Alumni receive a 25 percent discount on tuition for master's degree programs and select certificate programs.

Meanwhile, beginning this fall, new students who enroll in Kellstadt degree programs may be eligible for thousands of dollars in DePaul scholarships, with award amounts determined by each student's academic profile. The Kellstadt Graduate Scholarship is for domestic students, and the Kellstadt Dean's Scholarship is for students who require a visa to study in the United States.

For more information about scholarship award amounts, eligibility and deadlines, contact the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business office at (312) 362-8810 or [kgsb@depaul.edu](mailto:kgsb@depaul.edu).

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## Financier Warren Buffett Shares Wisdom With MBA Students

**What's it like to discuss careers, investing and the economy with Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett?** For MBA student Kate Stevenson, it felt like investing two hours to gain “the lessons of a lifetime.”

Stevenson and 19 other DePaul graduate business students were invited to query the “Oracle of Omaha” and tour several Berkshire Hathaway businesses during a visit to the multinational conglomerate's Omaha headquarters in October. The students were chosen from more than 300 Kellstadt Graduate School of Business applicants who sought a chance to meet the renowned business leader, investor and philanthropist.

Kellstadt was among a select group of only seven business schools, including Harvard and Columbia, asked by Berkshire to participate in the student forum. Alumnus Frank Ptak (BSC '65), president and CEO of Marmon Group, a Berkshire Hathaway company, helped secure DePaul's invitation.

Buffett answered a wide range of questions during a two-hour Q&A session. He advised students to be true to themselves and follow their career passions. “Very few people succeed at something that doesn't excite them,” he said. “Find a job you would do even if you were already rich and didn't need the money. I'm 83 and still excited by what I do.”



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Ray Whittington, Driehaus dean; the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul president, and Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani, CEO of Al Faisal Holding, exchange gifts.

## DePaul-Qatar Collaboration Creates New Entrepreneurship Center

**A generous gift from Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani of Qatar is paving the way for a collaboration that supports entrepreneurship and business development in Qatar and the Middle East.** The Driehaus College of Business plans to launch The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East later this year. The center will bring an international dimension to DePaul's renowned Coleman Entrepreneurship Center and help cultivate new generations of Qatari and U.S. entrepreneurs.

"Our faculty and alumni entrepreneurs look forward to working with emerging entrepreneurs from Qatar and throughout the Middle East," said Ray Whittington, dean of the Driehaus College of Business. "This also will be a great opportunity for DePaul students to gain real-world experience on an international stage."

The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East will facilitate a Young Entrepreneur Academy that welcomes a group

of Qatari students at DePaul each summer. They will work with faculty and alumni entrepreneurs to apply entrepreneurship theory and practice to developing their own business plans. Additionally, a group of Driehaus students enrolled in programs related to business development in the Middle East will have the opportunity to participate in a study abroad program in Qatar.

The center will hold an annual conference in Chicago that brings together an international audience of business leaders and serves as a source of professional knowledge for Qatar entrepreneurs and those who do business in the Middle East. Sheikh Faisal also will host a business competition in Qatar for emerging entrepreneurs as part of the program. "Al Faisal Holding has always been a strong supporter of Qatar's vision," said Sheikh Faisal, chairman and CEO of the company. "This agreement will help to accelerate knowledge transfer, which is very important for success in business."

## Business Programs Receive High Marks in Three Rankings

The Driehaus College of Business was recognized for its academic excellence in these rankings this academic year:

#1  TaxTalent

Kellstadt's Master of Science in Taxation (MST) tied for first place in TaxTalent.com's ranking of the best MST programs in the nation, based on a survey of tax firm hiring managers.

#24



DePaul's undergraduate entrepreneurship program again made the annual list of the best colleges for entrepreneurs published by Entrepreneur Magazine and The Princeton Review.

Top 30



Thirteen of DePaul's graduate business degree programs earned top-30 rankings among U.S. business schools in an international survey of 1,000 business school deans conducted by Paris-based education consulting firm Eduniversal.